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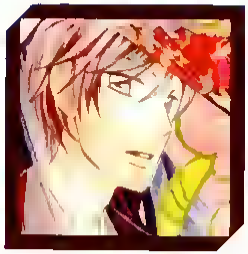

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ひとつ屋根の下の任侠LOVE!!

極道娘、見参!!

お嬢と世話役の恋は危険で命がけ!?

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天下御免の女子高生
若村幸千恵が大暴れ!!

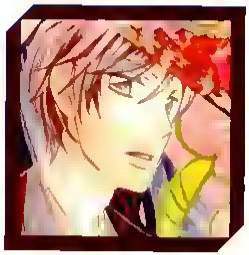
天涯孤独になった女子高生、若村幸千恵。引き取り手として祖父・浅葱雷伊蔵が現れるが、祖父はヤクザの親分で…。突然コワモテ子分衆と美形の世話役・五十高楽十とひとつ屋根の下で暮らすことになった幸千恵の運命は…。

曲がったことが大嫌い。いつも楽十と子分衆には、いろんな意味でドキドキさせられっぱなし。

若村幸千恵

五十嵐楽十

幼い頃から浅葱組で世話になっている。幸千恵の世話役。学校ではモテモテの生徒会長♥



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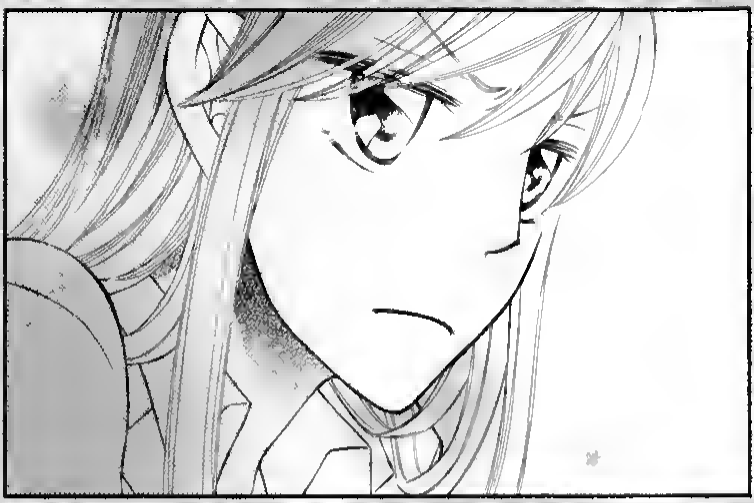
HIS TRADEMARK PHRASE WAS...



"NO WAY"

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IT WAS...
...THE BEGINNING OF MAY.
A BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL SPRING DAY.
HEY...
MIHO... I WANTED TO...
I THINK I LIKE RAKUTO IGARASHI...
TO MIHO ISHIDA♡ FROM KAZUYA AOKI
CLASS 3-C
HUH...?
OMG! I JUST SAID IT OUT LOUD!
I'M ONLY SAYING IT BECAUSE IT'S YOU, KAZUYA!
GAH
MIHO
DON'T TELL ANYONE, 'KAY?
SHIZUKA, MARI, AKANE, YUKO...
GIMME A BREAK!
ALL THE WOMEN THAT I'VE FALLEN FOR HAVE SAID THAT THEY LIKE RAKUTO IGARASHI.
I ESPECIALLY LOVE MIHO...
SFX: CRUNCH

I HATE YOU, RAKUTO IGARASHI!!
THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL...
YOU JERK ...
...UNDUE RESENT-MENT.
SFX: SHIVER SHIVER
ガク
WHAT'S WRONG?
HEY, BY THE WAY...
KINOSHITA SENSEI WAS LOOKING FOR YOU
NOTHING — I just got the chills
WHAT! THIS LATE IN THE GAME?
Are you crazy?
YOU COULD PICK FROM ANY COLLEGE OUT THERE!
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE NOT SURE?!
C'MON...
Faculty Room
ガク
UH... YEAH...
SHE SAID YOU'D SUBMITTED YOUR CAREER PLANNING SHEET BLANK.
SFX: CLATTER CLATTER

ワかんですー！

ありがとございます。
ありがとございます。

いやーしみじみと。
スゴイことだなあと
思いますよ。
ワ巻 →

しかし あれですね。
今更ですが
私は字がうちいです。

いや こういう所は
気を付けて書いてい
ますので まだ読め
るかと思うんですが
ネームとか 下絵とか
での字がひどくて
ひどくて…。

今回コミックス直しを
していて 本当に
そう思いました。

セリフなどの写植
は 下絵からひろって
打ってもらうのですが
その下絵の字がヒド
イもので よく[illegible]
「、」と「！」の
(3点リーダー) (エクスクラメーションマーク)
とりちがえ。
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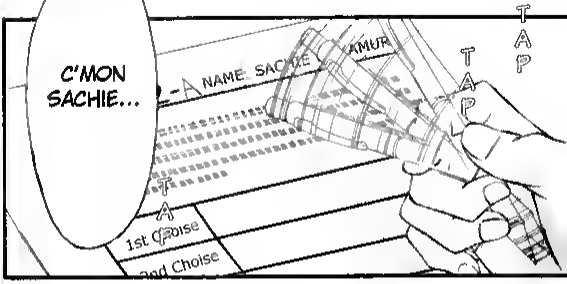


YOU'RE GOOD AT BEING THE LADY GANG BOSS.
I MEAN...
ANYHOW...
YOU CAN WORRY ABOUT THAT AFTER YOU'RE IN COLLEGE.
RIGHT NOW, JUST GET IT DONE
EXCUSE ME
RATTLE
NO...
NO WAY!

RAKUTO IGARASHI...
WHAT'S RAKUTO DOING...?
A TOTAL GENTLE-MAN AND BRIGHT STUDENT.
PEOPLE OFTEN SAY, "ASK RAKUTO" IN A TIME OF NEED.
BECAUSE ...
HE NEVER SAYS NO.
Plus, he'll do it well.
MY FUTURE...
OH, I KNOW!
IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHEN WE CHOSE HIGH SCHOOLS.
IT'S SO SCARY TO THINK THAT WE'RE DECIDING ON OUR LIVES.
STIR
2-A
STIR
Urr ...
EXACTLY.
PLUS... MY FAMILY'S...
RAKUTO IGARASHI FROM CLASS 3-A...
PLEASE REPORT TO KINOSHITA SENSEI IN THE FACULTY ROOM AFTER SCHOOL.
DING DONG
WOW. RAKUTO'S BEING CALLED OUT.
That doesn't happen often
I WONDER ...

DOES SUCH A HUMAN EXIST...?
...
RAKUTO DO YOU MIND ADDING THESE UP AND COPYING THEM?!
SOME-WHERE...
CERTAINLY
You need them today, right?
SOME-WHERE...
...HE MUST HAVE A WEAKNESS.
SURE. JUST ONE OKAY?
RAKUTO! WILL YOU TAKE A PICTURE WITH ME?!
IF I CAN JUST EXPOSE HIM...
I'M SURE SHE'LL BE DISILLU-SIONED!!
RAKUTO!
WHAT IS IT?

smile
OH, THANKS FOR DOING THAT.
RAKUTO ...
IS THERE ANYONE YOU'VE TICKED OFF RECENTLY?
RECENTLY ...?
WHY WOULD THERE BE?
THERE IS.
I see
THERE IS.
THERE SURE IS.
LOTS OF GUYS
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT?
CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING THE NEXT STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, TAKAYA!
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT WITH YOU AS MY SUCCESSOR.

WHY DON'T WE GO THROUGH IT ONCE TOGETHER AND...
I'M SURE I DON'T HAVE TO HOLD HIS HAND THROUGH THIS.
IT'S NOT THAT HARD.
HEY!
THANK YOU.
SO ABOUT THE HANDOFF...
IT'S ALL LAID OUT IN THIS DOCUMNET.
Student Council Room
ZOOM
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT? THAT'S NOT AT ALL WHAT I WAS THINKING.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO...
YOU CAN JUST SAY SO.
TURN
DON'T BE SILLY. I DON'T MIND.
YOU JUST THOUGHT ...
..."WHAT A PAIN" DIDN'T YOU?
SO JUST REPEAT AFTER ME, OKAY?
Those are the rules.
RAKUTO ...

YOU'VE CHANGED.
CHANGED?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'M ACTUALLY ...
...FROM KURE MIDDLE SCHOOL
OH...
I SEE.
THEN I CAN SEE HOW YOU WOULD SAY...
...THAT I'VE CHANGED A LOT.
RAKUTO'S PAST?

YEAH.
NOTHING.
IT SOUNDS LIKE NOBODY KNOWS. DO YOU GUYS?
WE JUST HEARD THAT THERE WAS A HOT GUY HERE WHEN WE STARTED HIGH SCHOOL.
AND THAT HE REALLY WAS SUPER HOT.
OH!
CAN I GET A CHOCOLATE PARFAIT AND A TIRAMITSU, PLEASE!
POPULAR
SORRY FOR TAKING YOUR TIME.
WHAT, THAT'S IT?
Thanks for the dessert!
What a waste of money.
ANOTHER FRUITLESS VENTURE.
SPK STAND
WELL, ACTUALLY...
MY LITTLE BROTHER GOES TO KURE MIDDLE SCHOOL, BUT...
HE SAID THAT THERE'S AN ALUM FROM THERE WHO USED TO BE THE HEAD OF THE KANTO REGION STREET GANGS.
SOMETHING ABOUT HOW AS SOON AS HE BECAME THE LEADER, HE BROKE UP THE GANG AND QUIT IT ALL.
APPARENTLY, HE WAS CALLED "BUDDHA RAKU."

YOU'RE SAYING THAT "RAKU"...
...MIGHT BE RAKUTO IGARASHI?
GULP
WHAT A CROOK...
BUZZ
BUZZ
I don't have time for this.
BUZZ
KROOK
OH, HEY.
MIHO?!
KAZUYA ?
I WANTED TO SAY...
CALL
SFX: STAND
BUT EVEN IF HE DID, I'D TOTALLY WANT TO GO OUT WITH HIM NO MATTER WHAT GANG HE WAS IN.
AS IF RAKUTO REALLY WOULD HAVE GONE THERE!
I MEAN, KURE MIDDLE IS A TOTAL MESS WHERE A BUNCH OF MORONS GO.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
I KNOW!
SFX: HA HA HA HA

I THINK I'M GOING TO TELL RAKUTO HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM TODAY.
WHAT?
SFX: SLAM
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
HELLO?
HELLO?
SHE'S GOING TO TELL HIM?
CALM DOWN!
SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WOULD MIND SWITCHING WITH ME. I'M SUPPOSED TO CLEAN THE CAREER PATH CENTER..
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
CAREER PATH CENTER
URR...MY CAREER PATH...
"I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU WRITE! JUST WRITE SOMETHING!"
EASIER SAID THAN DONE...
OPEN
HEY.
ALUMNI CAREER PAT
FLIP
FLIP

PREZ!
I MEAN...
UMM...
IT'S TAKAYA.
HA
I GUESS YOU'RE NOT OUR CLASS PRESIDENT ANYMORE.
UMM...
HEY, WAKA-MURA.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU SUBMITTED YOUR CAREER PATH FORM BLANK, HUH?
WHAT?! HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
I OVER-HEARD IT IN THE FACULTY ROOM AT LUNCH.
ARGHH...
YOU WROTE SOMETHING, RIGHT?
YEAH, BUT...
I WANTED TO CHECK OUT WHAT THE OTHER POSSIBILI-TIES WERE.
Which is why I'm here.
OTHER POSSI-BILITIES?
YEAH.

YOU KNOW HOW MY OLD MAN'S A COP?
DROP
DROP
DROP
DROP
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
UH... NOTHING...
I'M AN ONLY CHILD, SO...
IT WAS ALWAYS KIND OF ASSUMED THAT I'D BE A COP.
BUT I ALWAYS HATED THAT.
I WENT THROUGH A REBELLIOUS PHASE.
RUNNING AROUND WITH KNIVES AND RIDING STOLEN BIKES...
Oh
Really?
BUT EVEN SO...
THAT'S...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, WAKAMURA?
THAT DOESN'T MEAN...
...I CAN'T FIND SOME KIND OF FUTURE.

DO YOU EVER GET PRESSURED TO TAKE OVER TE FAMILY BUSINESS?
HUH?
SFX: STARTLE
TH-THE FAMILY BUSINESS?
YEAH... OH?
WHAT KIND OF "HEIRESS" ARE YOU AGAIN?
...
THIS GUY IS GONNA GIMME A HEART ATTACK!!
I'VE GOTTA FINISH CLEANING AND...
So prepper
I...
HA HA HA
I DON'T KNOW...
There isn't really anything to take over.
IT'S NOT LIKE...
...I'M REALLY A NOTEWORTHY "HEIRESS".
THAT VOICE...
THAT'S THE GIRL WHO LIVES IN THE SAME HOUSE AS RAKUTO IGARASHI.
Sachie something.
WHICH MEANS ...

SHE'S ...
BUT THEY CALL YOU...
"THE HEIR-ESS".
Don't they?
OH...
PLEASE...
...
SHHH
IT SEEMS TO BE STUCK...
KNOCK
SFX TURN
HEY ...
I'VE GOTTA AVOID BEING ALONE WITH THIS GUY...
ALL RIGHTY! I THINK I'M GONNA GET GOING.
WHAT'S WRONG, WAKA-MURA?
KNOCK
KNOCK
UMM...
THE DOOR...

HA HA HA!
I DID IT! I DID IT!
I TRAPPED RAKUTO IGARASHI !!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT D'YA THINK ?!
NOW SHE CAN'T TELL YOU!!
I REALLY LIKE YOU! WOULD YOU BE MY BOY-FRIEND ?!
OH... I'M SORRY.
BOW
WHAT ?!
YOU SAID NO?!
I HEARD THAT YOY DON'T SAY NO TO ANY-THING!
WHAT? WHY?
OH, I'M SORRY.
RING
THAT'S NOT...

WAIT...
I SENT IT IN HASTE, BUT...
NO SIGNAL?
SEEMS LIKE IT.
BUT I WAS ABLE TO GET A TEXT OUT.
...THAT TEXT MAKES IT SEEM LIKE...
WAIT!
RAKUTO!
SFX: DASH
OH...
I DON'T HAVE A SIGNAL.
ALL RIGHT.
You're right
GOOD THING WE'VE GOT A LOT OF STUFF WE CAN LOOK THROUGH.
THEN ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT.
OH WELL...
I'll explain when he gets here
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE SAYING EARLIER...

JUST TELL HIM "NO WAY!"
MAYBE YOU JUST NEED TO TELL YOUR DAD...
IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE BEING PRES-SURED...
LET'S TAKE ADVAN-TAGE OF IT AND MULL IT OVER FOR A WHILE.
WELL, WE'VE STILL GOT SOME TIME.
AFTER ALL.. IT'S OUR FUTURE.
OR YOU MIGHT DECIDE THAT BEING A COP IS REALLY WHAT YOU
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO CANGE SOME-THING.

Th-that's right
JUST SAY...
"NO WAY" HUH?
SACHIE ...
CHASING YAKUZA ISN'T THE ONLY THING COPS DO, YOU KNOW...
THAT'S RIGHT!
OR ELSE YOU WOULDN'T LAST IN A DEMANDING JOB, CHASING YAKUZA!
I REMEMBER...
...SOMEONE ELSE TELLING ME THAT A LONG TIME AGO.
HE WAS REALLY STUBBORN AND HATED TO LOSE...
HE ALWAYS SAID NO TO ANYTHING HE WAS AGAINST AND NEVER DID ANYTHING WITHOUT GIVING 100 PERCENT OF HIMSELF...
BUT HE WOULD NEVER TURN DOWN A FIGHT, SO...
HE BECAME THE GANG BOSS BEFORE HE KNEW IT...
He was so great
...
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

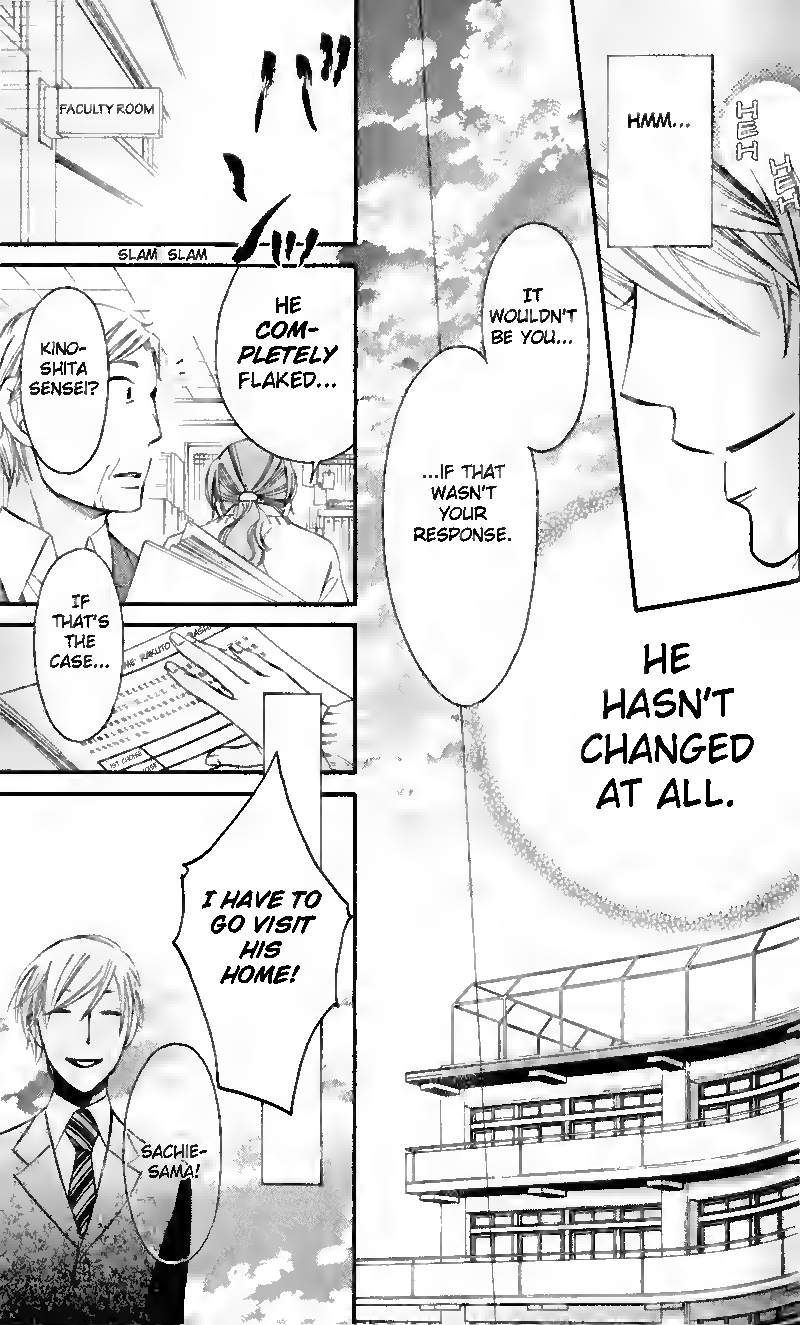
EVEN NOW...
I RE-MEMBER HIM SAYING...
"YOU KEEP THIS UP AND THE ONLY FUTURE YOU'LL HAVE IS TO BE YAKUZA!"
"YOU OKAY WITH THAT?"
SO WHAT'RE WE SUPPOSED TO DO? IT'S NOT LIKE WE GOT CHOICES.
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU THINK SO.
"I'LL BE YOUR EXAMPLE."
DON'T MAKE EXCUSES BEFORE YOU TRY.
IT'S YOUR OWN FUTURE.
STOP LIVING BY OTHER PEOPLE'S EXPECTA-TIONS.
STAND UP AND SAY NO IF YOU WANT TO.
I'LL...
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID AS HE JUMPED OVER THE FENCE...
AND HE SHOWED US WHICH WAY THE LIGHT WAS SHINING FROM.

...THIS TIME?
SO SACHIE...
I WANT TO SE...
I STUDIED LIKE CRAZY AFTER THAT TO GET INTO THIS SCHOOL...
THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT CRITICIZED HIM, BUT...
HMM?
I FEEL LIKE...
HOW IS HE GOING TO...
...JUMP THE FENCE...
HOW DO YOU ESCAPE...
...AN IN-ESCAP-ABLE BOX?
BOX...?
YEAH.
SFX SLAM

LE...
LET ME GO, RAKUTO!
THIS ISN'T WHAT YOU...
NO WAY!
SFX:SQUEEZE

SLAP
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!
IT'S NOT HIS FAULT THAT WE GOT STUCK HERE!
IT WAS AN ACCI-DENT!!
WHA..
SACHIE-SAMA, WAIT!
TMD
NO WAY!!
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU AT THE FOYER SO WE COULD GO HOME TOGETHER ...
STARE
...
LISTEN TO ME!!
SHE JUST SAID...
..."NO WAY" TO YOU, RAKUTO...
HA
SNN

SHE'S...
...ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT.
OH...
IT DOESN'T WORK WHEN WE'RE BOTH STUBBORN.
SO I HAVE TO GIVE IN....
I GET IT...
OH.
RAKUTO ...
I LOVE YOU. PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME.
NO WAY.


HMM...
IT WOULDN'T BE YOU...
...IF THAT WASN'T YOUR RESPONSE.
HE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
FACULTY ROOM
SLAM SLAM
HE COMPLETELY FLAKED...
KINOSHITA SENSEI?
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
I HAVE TO GO VISIT HIS HOME!
SACHIE-SAMA!

IT'S DANGER-OUS TO GO HOME ALONE!
I'M FINE!
WALK WALK WALK
SFX:STICK
NO!
LET'S WALK TOGETHER HOLDING HANDS.
ABSO-LUTELY.
NO...
...WAY!!
HA HA HA
YOU'RE SO STUB-BORN.
I'M TELL-ING YOU!!
RAKUTO IGARASHI REALLY WAS THE HEAD OF A GANG BEFORE!!
I HATE YOU, AOKI!!
SFX:WAA

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3-A RAKUTO IGARASHI
1st Choice
2nd Choice
3rd Choice
FACULTY ROOM
IT SEEMS LIKE...
...WE'RE FINALLY GOING TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM OUR SCHOOL GOING TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY.
HUH?
RAKUTO.
HE'S TAKING THE EXAM, ISN'T HE? TOKYO UNIVERSITY'S? ♡
NO...HE HASN'T EVEN DECIDED IF HE'S GOING TO COLLEGE OR NOT...
WHAT?! THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE!
ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS SHOULD GO TO COLLEGE!
SFX: GAH

ZOOM
YOU,VE GOT TO DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO GET RAKUTO INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY!
STRETCHING THAT POSSIBILITY TO IT'S LIMIT IS OUR DUTY AS EDUCATORS!!
HE'S A STUDENT WITH GREAT PROSPECTS! YOU MUST SEE IT AS YOUR DUTY!!
ZOOM
GRIP
WHAT'S OUR MOTTO?
GULP
REA...
"REACH FOR TOKYO U!"
WHOA
CLAP
CLAP
SO...
I'M COMMING TO VISIT YOUR HOME TODAY.

Jeez
YOU STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED ON YOUR CAREER TRACK...
...AND YOU DON'T SHOW UP EVERY TIME I ASK YOU TO COME
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN "TODAY"?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
HUH...?!
I ASKED YOU TO CLEAN! NOT MAKE A MESS!
SFX: DROP DROP DROP
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CONVENIENT TIME FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES.
YOU LEAVE ME WITH NO CHOISE.
THAT'S RIGHT FOR SUCH A BRILLIANT STUDENT TO HAVE DOUBTS...
WHAT'RE HIS PARENTS THINKING?
WAIT A MINUTE
HE DOESN'T LIVE WITH HIS PARENTS.
FLOP
SO I WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR PARENTS TOGETHER AND...
...TALK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE *IN DEPTH.*

HE LIVES WITH THAT SECOND YEAR, SACHIE WAKAMURA.
Urrr...
RAKUTO'S LATE...
What's he doing?
The eggs on sale are gonna sell out
I GUESS I NEED TO GET HIM.
RUN
RUN
RUN
SACHIE?
OH! AZUMA!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
I KNOW!
YOU CAME TO SEE ME!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE RAKUTO IS?

HE JUST GOT TAKEN TO THE MATH PREP ROOM AS PUNISHMENT FOR...
...BAILING OUT ON A MEETING WITH KINOSHITA SENSEI.
RAKUTO?
Oh I see
CHRT
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?!
STOMP
That must be why
WELL, HE SUBMITTED HIS CAREER TRACK FORM BLANK.
WHAT?!
WHY WOULD THAT HAPPEN TO RAKUTO?
PUNISH-MENT?
WOW... WHAT A JERK.
MAYBE HE HAS TOO MANY CHOICES TO DECIDE!
BLANK ...?
WHY ...?
HMMM
I KNOW!

That's right. He is a jerk
BUT...
I KNOW HOW HE FEELS...
HE HE HE
IT'S NOT EASY FOR HIM EITHER...
IT'S HARD...
PHEW...
...TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
LIKE ME FOR EXAMPLE.
I'M NOT LOST AT ALL.
AZUMA!
LRR
SA-SA-SACHIE...
WOULDN'T YOU WANT A GUY WHO'S MORE DECISIVE?
SHHH!
AGHHH

YOU CAN'T!
YOU CAN'T JUST GO TO MY HOUSE!
IT'S NOT LIKE I LIVE WITH MY FAMILY...
I'M WITH A FAMILY THAT'S TAKING CARE OF ME..
SHE-SHE'S COMING OVER?!
EXACTLY!
IF YOU FEEL BADLY ABOUT BRINING UP YOUR CARRER PATH...
...THAT'S NOT A GOOD ENVIRON-MENT FOR YOU TO BE IN!!
YOU CAN'T LET THEM DESTROY YOUR BRIGHT PROSPECTS!
STAND
LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!
KINOSHITA SENSEI...!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING WITH YOUR GRADES, YOU'LL BE SURE TO GET A SCHOLAR-SHIP...

I'LL EVEN HELP YOU FIND A CHEAP PLACE TO LIVE.

SO YOU HAVE TO PUT YOURSELF IN A MORE SUITABLE ENVIRON...

...TO MEASURE THAT KIND OF SUIT-ABILITY?

WHAT KINF OF RULER DO YOU USE...

SACHIE...

A VISIT TO THE HOME, EH?

GOOD IDEA!

使う時の雰囲気が全くの正反対であることが多いので。

しっとり

五十肩さんっ…

ハイ

元気

五十肩さんっ

ハイ

まあ…どっちでも通るんですが…シーンによってはテンポが変わることもあるので気を付けなきゃなぁと思います…。

今回直してて一番ヒドかったのが

まってくださいい。

(下絵時のまま)

これ「まってください」って書いてあるんですけど…(本当にヒドイ…)

出来上がった雑誌を見たら

SLAM
WHY DON'T YOU SEE FOR YOUR-SELF...
...WHETHER OUR HOME IS SUITABLE FOR RAKUTO!

I'M AN IDIOT!!
DARN IT!!
SFX: BURN BURN
I WISH I HAD CAUGHT ON EARLIER.
OKAY. I'LL SEE YOU IN THE FOYER!
DON'T WORRY, RAKUTO!
HUH?
SACHIE-SAMA...
EXCELLENT! THEN I'LL SEE YOU THERE!
I'LL GET YOU INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY !!
SFX: BOOOOM

SFX: BURN
Hmph
BUT THIS ISN'T GOING TO INTIMIDATE ME!
I'M DOING THIS FOR RAKUTO...
I MUST!
EXCUSE ME!!
Y-YOU CAN'T GO INTO THIS HOUSE LIKE...
THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE CHAL-LENGING THEM!!
SL
JOLT
WHICH CLAN ARE YOU FROM?!
WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?
AM
A...
AZAAAA !!
WHAT A BIG MANSION...
YOU REALLY ARE AN HEIRESS!
Wow

I'M FROM CLASS 3-A...
WHAAA
HEY, TORA.
THIS IS RAKUTO'S HOME-ROOM TEACHER!!
Oh.
RAKU'S?
HOW CAN I HELP YOU?
NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M MISS KINOSHITA.
I WANTED TO SEE RAKUTO'S HOME ENVIRONMENT TODAY AND CAME FOR A VISIT!
"HOME VISIT" ...
ISN'T THAT A TV SHOW ON SUNDAY MORN-ING...
NO, THAT'S SOME-THING ELSE.
OH, RIGHT!
THIS IS A FIRST! WHAD'YA DO, RAKU? DID YOU PEEK IN THE GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM OR SOMETHING?
Huh?
TUG
TUG

SHE WANTS TO TAKE HIM AWAY...
...IF SHE FINDS THIS UNSUITABLE FOR RAKUTO.
SFX: WSSP
YOU MUST BE TIRED!
PLEASE WAIT FOR A MOMENT.
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
...LIKE A RAID!
WE JUST HAVE A FEW THINGS WE NEED TO PUT AWAY.
SHUFFLE
OH, NOTHING WE'RE JUST A BUNCH OF UNVULTURED MEN HERE...
SO IT'S KIND OF...
YEAH.
EXACTLY...

I SEE.
SO HE'S A GOOD STUDENT AT SCHOOL TOO.
SFX KNOCK
STEAM
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD KID.
DUMP
SPLASH
WE'VE NEVER HAD A TEACHER VISIT, OR THE POLICE.
I'M SORRY. WE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THE ROUTINE WAS...
SIP
SIP
SLIP
Almost empty.
PLEASE.
HAVE SOME GREEN TEA.
TRYING TO LOOK CLASSY.

YOU ALL WEAR GLASSES?
OH NO. THESE DON'T HAVE LENSES IN THEM.
I DON'T HAVE GLASSES, SO I HAD TO BREAK MY SHADES...
YASU...
But I didn't think you were earlier
...
MAYBE YOU OUGHTA WATCH YER MOUTH THERE...
GLARE
I-I'M SORRY, BR--
I MEAN, SIR.
SO KINOSHITA SENSEI...
DO YOU GOT... MAYBE... SOME INQUIRIES FOR US?
THEY'RE ALL...
...IN OVER THEIR HEADS!

SFX: OPEN
GOOD CALL AZUMA!!
SACHIE! LET'S AVOID CONVERSATIONS!
We're shooting ourselves in the foot
THAT SOUNDS NICE.
WE ALL SHARE THE SAME ROOM SO...
A-AZUMA, THAT'S...
DID YOU WANT TO SEE WHERE WE SLEEP?
OH, KINOSHITA SENSE!
Rakuta likes melons and
SHIVER. SHIVER.
WE SHOVED EVERYTHING IN THERE EARLIER.
MY BAD. I DIDN'T KNOW...
SLAM

PULL
THIS ISN'T GOOD.
WE'RE BLOWING IT, SACHIE.
WE HAVEN'T SHOWN HER ONE GOOD THING!
IF SHE LEAVE'S NOW, SHE'S GONNA...
YE...
YEAH, I KNOW.
YOU MEAN, RAKUTO DOESN'T HAVE HIS OWN ROOM...
PLUS, HE HAS TO WORK AT HOME...
WHAT KIND OF WORK DOES A "SERVANT" DO EXACTLY?
I MAY BE A SERVANT, BUT...
FLO?

I HAVE THE VERY IMPORTANT TASK OF...
...PROTECTING SACHIE-SAMA.
CLEANING THE HOUSE AND SMALL ERRANDS...
IT'S NO DIFFERENT FROM WHAT A BOY DOES IN A NORMAL FAMILY.
PERHAPS THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS...

RA...
RIGHT?
SACHIE-SAMA? ♡
RAKUTO!!
P-PUT ME DOWN!!
WHY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHY...?
...
I'VE BEEN WONDERING THIS FROM BEFORE, BUT...
IS IT REALLY A GOOD IDEA FOR TEENAGERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX TO BE LIVING TOGETHER?
SEE?!
DON'T WORRY. THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON.
HUFF HUFF
HA HA HA
DON'T WORRY. IF HE EVER LAID A HAND ON MISS SACHIE...
WE'D KIL-

I CAN'T SAY THIS IS A GOOD ENVIRON-MENT FOR RAKUTO TO FOCUS ON HIS STUDIES...
PHEW
I UNDER-STAND... THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME AROUND.
I'LL START LOOKING FOR PLACES FOR HIM TO STAY AS SOON AS I GET BACK TO SCHOOL.
...
SHOVE
IS THAT BEACUSE ...
...HE WISHES YOU TO DO SO?

OF...OF COURSE IT IS!
IF HE GETS INTO A GOOD COLLEGE, IT WOULD ONLY INCREASE HIS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FUTURE.
IF YOU CALL YOURSELF HIS FAMILY YOU WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO GET IN HIS WAY...
A PARENT SHOULD...
...STAND BEHIND WHATEVER HIS CHILD DECIDES.
THAT IS THEIR JOB.
RAKU, IF THIS IS WHAT YOU DECIDE...
WE WON'T SAY A THING.
NO MATTER HOW WRONG OR HOW TWISTED THAT ROAD MAY BE...

JUST FOLLOW YOUR HEART.
GUYS...
UMM... EXCUSE ME...

WHEN YOU SAY PARENT. WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WELL ...
THAT'D BE...
Umm
EVERY-ONE.
OH!
GRANDPA ...
WE'RE ALL RAISING RAKUTO.
WE'RE ALL HIS PARENTS.

...JUST COMMING OUT OF THE BATH.
STEAM
AM I RIGHT, FELLAS?
RIGHT?
LOOK LIKE HE'S...
STEAM
RAKUTO! YOU CAN'T STAY HERE!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF PLACE THIS IS?
THIS IS...
I DON'T CARE SENSEI.
RAKUTO ...
MAY I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?
SLAM

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG...
...WITH A PLACE LIKE THIS.
NO MATTER WHAT IT MAY SEEM LIKE FROM THE OUTSIDE...
THEY BELIVE IN ME FROM THE BOTTOM OF THEIR HEARTS AND ALWAYS HAVE MY BACK.
THOSE MEN HAVE SHOWN ME...
...THE ONLY JUSTICE I'VE EVER KNOWN.
THEY MEAN THE WORLD TO ME.
THEY'RE MY ONE AND ONLY...

AHH!
...FAMILY.
RIGHT?
EVERY-BODY?

GOOD WORK!
I'M ALL STRESSED OUT FROM THAT VISIT.
I'M SORRY.
BUT SERI-OUSLY ...
THAT WAS ONE TOUGH TEACHER.
SACHIE-SAMA?
HA...
HA HA...

RAKUTO ...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
"IF YOU FEEL BADLY ABOUT BRINGING UP YOUR CAREER PATH..."
...
Look!
IF YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE, DON'T HESITATE TO SAY IT, OKAY?!
WE KNOW YOU'RE GOOD FOR THE MONEY! OKAY!
'KAY?
OF COURSE!

I'M SO GLAD YOU DIDN'T GET TAKEN AWAY!
WHAT A RELIEF!
LOOK, I WANT YOU TO GRADUATE SAFELY AND GO TO COLLEGE SO...
Sigh
I'LL KEEP THIS TO MYSELF ...
...FOR A WHILE, ALL RIGHT?
WHAT A RELIEF ...

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I'M SO GLAD YOU DIDN'T GEET TAKEN AWAY...
SACHIE-SAMA...
WHAT DOES...
WHAT DOES...

SFX: ZZA
MISS! CAN I PUT THESE ON THE GRILL?
NO!
THAT'S REALLY STINKY!
THAT'LL STINK UP THE HOUSE!
WHAT? BUT IT'S SO TASTY...
WAIT! WAIT! NOT THE KITCHEN! Stop!
SFX: OPEN
BATA
BATA
BATA
OH...
...THAT MEAN...
SACHIE-SAMA..?
FRESH FISH!
RIGHT OFF THE BOAT!
八百八
WHAT DOES...

COMIN' RIGHT UP!
THE MACKEREL'S GOOD TODAY!
OH, HEY, SACHIE.
OKAY, THEN CAN I GET 10 AND SOME CLAMS?
GOOD MORNING!
HEY!
NICE TO SEE YOU, SACHIE.
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THESE?
I GOT THEM FROM THE NEWSPAPER GUY, BUT I DON'T NEED 'EM.
TICKETS TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK?
REALLY?
FLOWERLAND
FLAP
TWO...
..OF THEM.

SACHIE-SAMA...
I SHOULD GO WITH YOU...
...AS YOUR CARE-TAKER.
SLIP
THIS IS THAT AMUSEMENT PARK, RIGHT?
YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE THAT LEGENDARY RIDE...
TAP
THEN...
WAAA
UMM...
THESE ARE...
Where'd you come from?

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. ♡
WHAT ?!
WHO SAYS YOU GET TO DECIDE?
I'VE GOT RIGHTS TOO, YOU KNOW!!
HEY!!
WHAT KIND OF RIGHTS?
WHAT?
WELL, I...
...
SO IT'S DECIDED THEN.
WAIT A MINUTE!
COULDN'T THINK QUICK ENOUGH
WA
AI
HOW ABOUT ...
SFX: SLAM
COMPA
...WE DECIDE WHO GETS TO GO WITH SACHIE DEPENDING ON WHO SCORES HIGHER ON THE COMPATIBILITY SCALE!!

NOT VERY CONFIDENT, ARE WE?
COMPATIBILITY SCA
IT'S JUST ...
...SOME DUMB GAME.
OH MY!
YOU BETTER PAY FOR IT...
Of course
Of course
Cheap price to pay
COMPATIBILITY SCALE
SACHIE
WAKAMURA
RAKUTO
IGARASHI
COMPATIBILITY
3 POINTS
COMPATIBILITY SCALE
SACHIE
WAKAMURA
AZUMA
INUI
COMPATIBILITY
86 POINTS

NICE!!
SO, SACHIE! YOU GET TO GO WITH M...
...THREE OF US.
WOW!
WHY DON'T...
SMILE
...THE THREE OF US GO TOGETHER?
We'll just buy an extra ticket ♡
NO POINT IN DOING THE COMPATIBILITY SCALE
AAH
OF COURSE

I'VE NEVER BEEN TO FLOWER-LAND.
I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY!
ME TOO! ♡
ME THREE.
WE'RE HERE! ♡
IF ONLY I WEREN'T HERE WITH THIS GUY...
NO POINT IN BRINGING IT UP.
I LOVE THEM!!
SHE LOVES THEM...
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THE SCARY RIDES, SACHIE?
THEN LET'S GO ON THAT!

ROLLERCOASTER
TWO...
WELL. THEN, AS SOMEONE WHO GOT AN 86 ON THE COMPATIBILITY SCALE, I THINK I'LL RIDE WITH SACHIE.
WHA...!
PULL
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?
WE'LL SIT TWO AT A TIME.
DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR THREE POINTS, RAKUTO?
He
He
SFX: SNAP
CAN WE GO ON THAT ONE INSTEAD?
ON SECOND THOUGHT, THIS ONE LOOKS PRETTY SCARY.
Hurry up already
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING? I SHOULD RIDE WITH HER AS HER CARETAKER...
UMM... EXCUSE ME.

SFX: TRALALA TRALALA
HA HA HA HA
MERRY-GO-ROUND
HE HE HE
...TAKING TWO MEN ON A MERRY-GO-ROUND?
ISN'T THIS FUN?
...THINK-ING...
WHAT ARE YOU...
TOTALLY!
OKAY THEN. LET'S GO ON THAT ON NEXT!

SFX: HA HA HA HA HA HA
TURN
TURN
TURN
TEA CUPS
IT SEEMS ...
WEEEE!
SWINGS
HA HA HA HA
HA HA
SHE'S AVOIDING ...
SWAN RIDE
HA
...ANY RIDES THAT GOES AS A TWOSOME.
Which one should we go to next?
Flowerland MAP
WOO! THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN!

I KNOW! ♡
LET'S GO ON...
WAIT A SECOND!!
LET'S...
...TAKE A BREAK, SHALL WE?!
SFX: GRIP
...WITH
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'LL GET SOMETHING FOR US TO DRINK.
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
I'LL GO...
RAKU WANTS A HOT CHOCOLATE.
LIKE A JUICE.
We'll pay you later.
OKAY!

AZUMA ...?
LOOK, RAKUTO.
And juice.
WE DON'T WANT TO STRESS EACH OTHER OUT, DO WE?
SO I GOT AN IDEA...
IDEA ...?
Three orange juices please!
SO IN RETURN FOR THE RIDES...
YEAH.
I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE REST OF THE RIDES.
ALL I WANT IS TO...
...RIDE THAT WITH SACHIE!!!
OH...
IT'S THE SAME MACHINE AS THE OTHER DAY.

OMG! IT'S THE FLOWER GONDOLA!
I REALLY WANTED TO GO ON THAT!
WH...
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHY!
WHY...?
FLOWER GONDOLA
You don't know?!
What?
BUT WHY?
THERE'S A LEGEND...
FOR SOME REASON, NO MATTER HOW BAD A COUPLE IS FIGHTING, IF THEY RIDE THAT TOGETHER...
...THEY ALWAYS MAKE UP. JUST RIDING IN IT TOGETHER MAKES THE TIE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE STRONGER. PEOPLE CALL IT THE...
...."GONDOLA OF LOVE."
HEH HEH.
BLUSH
Oops.
HEY!
HA
YOU LAUGHED, DIDN'T YOU?!
Don't make fun of my romantic ideals!
REALLY? WE SHOULD TOTALLY GO ON IT!!

DON'T BELIVE IT THEN.
Hmph.
JUST WEEP WHEN YOU SEE US COME OFF OF IT TOGETHER.
I GUESS IT WOULDN'T MATTER WITH A COMPAT-IBILITY SCORE OF THREE POINTS.
けけけ
SORRY TO KEEP YOU GUYS WAITING!
EVEN IF THE LEGEND WERE TRUE AND YOU AND SACHIE WENT ON IT TOGETHER...
OH... I GET IT.
SFX: MUHAHAHA
IF YOU WANT TO GO ON IT THAT BAD...
BE MY GUEST.
FACE

SO, SACHIE!
GO ON THE GONDOLA WITH M...
...THAT SCALE IS TRUE?
DO YOU THINK...
SACHIE'S WORRIED ABOUT...
...THE SCORES?
HEY...
NOD
WHAT?
WHAT'S WRONG, RAKUTO?
COM-PATI...
...BILITY?
NOD
WHERE'RE YOU GO-
OH, DON'T WORRY.
HE JUST SAID THE TWO COMPATIBLE PEOPLE SHOULD GO AHEAD AND GO ON THE GONDOLA TOGETHER.
HE'S JUST GONNA GO KILL SOME TIME.

SFX: DASH
I'M SORRY, AZUMA!
BUT...
DO YOU MIND IF I GO DOUBLE-CHECK?
SIGH
SACHIE...!
WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING?
JEEZ...
"I GUESS IT WOULDN'T MATTER WITH A COMPAT-IBILITY SCORE OF THREE POINTS."
I CAN'T BELIVE I TOOK THE BAIT ON SUCH A CHEAP SHOT.

BUSTLE
THREE...
...POINTS.
THIS IS JUST SOME DUMB GAME...
EVEN WHEN I TELL MYSELF NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT...
RAKUTO IGARASHI
I CAN'T HELP BUT...
ATTO IGARASH
THIS...
IT'S SPELLING WRONG...
WHAT IF IT'S SPELLED RIGHT?

MAYBE ...
WOW!
SACHIE-SAMA...?
OH!
RAKUTO!
GOOD TIMING!
CHECK THIS OUT!
COMPATIBILITY SCALE
IT BOTH-ERED HER...
THEN THE RESULTS WERE DIFFERENT!
THIS WHOLE SCALE THING HAD BEEN BOTHERING ME.
SO I TRIED IT ONE MORE TIME.
HUH?
SAHIE-SAMA TOO...?
LOOK!

YOU AND AZUMA HAVE A 100 PERCENT COM-PATIBILITY RATE!
...
...
HUH...?
I JUST HATED HOW BAD A MOOD YOU TWO WERE IN TODAY.
I WAS THINKING IT'S SO WEIRD, BECAUSE YOU TWO ARE SO CLOSE NORMALLY. SO I CHECKED IT OUT!
WHAT... THAT'S WHAT...
AND LOOK!
Look at the 100%
...WHY WE WERE IN SUCH BAD MOODS?
...
DID YOU STOP TO THINK...

WOW... SHE'S HOPE-LESS...
BECAUSE YOU BOTH REALLY WANTED TO COME HERE?
HUH...?
Jeez
THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN CHOOSING RIDES THAT WE CAN ALL ENJOY TOGETHER!
BUT 100 PERCENT IS PRETTY AMAZING! THIS MEANS THAT I SHOULDN'T BE THE ONE GOING ON THE GONDOLA!
YOU TWO SHOULD GO TOGETHER !!
SHE DOESN'T ...
...GET IT AT ALL.
SFX: CLOSE

SFX: SILENCE
Have fun!
JEEZ ...
I DON'T BELIVE THIS...
THIS BLOWS.
I WONDER WHAT...
...SACHIE THINKS OF ME?
SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T.
SNAP
SAME WITH ME.
MUST BE NICE TO HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF BEING HER CARETAKER.
SHE DOESN'T ...
...THINK ANYTHING OF ME EITHER.
I'M SO GLAD YOU DIDN'T GET TAKEN AWAY!!

EVEN THAT WAS...
...PROBABLY...
IF IT WERE SO GOOD...
...I WOULDN'T BE GAMBLING SO MUCH ON THIS DUMB PIECE OF PAPER.
I'M JUST...
... PATHETIC.
"JUST RIDING IN IT TOGETHER MAKES THE TIE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE STRONGER."
...SAMA!
N...NO WAY...!
HUH...
WHAT?
RAKU!
...
SORRY, RAKU. I...
STAND
AZUMA

SACHIE-SAMA!
Huh?
PLEASE STOP.
DO YOU KNOW?
THE SONDOLA OF LOVE MAKES THE TIE BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE STRONGER.
OH REALLY. IS THAT SO?
ZZZ
DOES THAT WORK...
...EVEN WHEN YOU GO ON IT WITH SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO BE THERE?
GRIP
WHAT?
OH, THEN YOU CAN COME INSTEAD!
C'MON.
WE'RE JUST A BUNCH OF LONELY GUYS...
THEN...

SFX: GRIP
...WHY DON'T YOU TRY GOING ON TOGETHER AS MEN?
HOLD
YOU MAY REALIZE...
...YOU'VE GOT A DEEPER FRIENDSHIP THAN YOU KNOW.
WHAT THE HECK...
SHUT UP!
GET YOUR...
SFX GRAB
...HANDS OFF OF SACHIE-SAMA!
SNAP
YOU...
YOU'RE GONNA REGRET THIS!!

SFX: TURN
ARE YOU...
...ALL RIGHT?
...OKAY?
WOW...

COMPATIBILITY SCALE
RAKUTO
IGARASHI
AZUMA
INUI
COMPATIBILITY
You're finishing each other's sentences!
COMPATI-BILITY OF 100 PERCENT.
FLIP
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE BACK TO YOUR NORMAL SELVES.
NOW WE CAN HAVE FUN... THE THREE OF US.
...
SHUT UP!
WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP!
IT'S JUST SOME STUPID GAME!
AZUMA?!
You...
I WAS..
...REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.
...
WH...
GRIP
SFX: RIP RIP

RIP
RIP
RIP
RIP
HERE.
GIVE IT HERE, I'LL TEAR YOURS TOO.
OKAY.
NOW THAT WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE...
WHY DON'T THE THREE OF US...
...GO BACK ON THE GONDOLA TO DEEPEN OUR TIES?
...
GOOD IDEA.

...
IS SOMETHING WRONG, SACHIE-SAMA?
Shall we?
OR... NO.
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S JUST A SILLY GAME.
FLIP
FORTUNE TELLING ...
GAME MACHINES...
WHAT DO THEY REALLY MEAN, ANYWAY?
COMPATIBILITY SCALE
RAKUTO IGARASHI
SACHIE WAKAMURA
99 %

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URR!
SFX: THWOM
WHAT, YOU'RE DONW ALREADY?
POKE POKE
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO FIGHT. HOW PATHETIC.
MISS MIDORI!
DON'T MENTION IT.
Th...
SNAP
Thank you very much!
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE TRYING TO MUG PEOPLE.
HERE.

SFX: DROP DROP DROP
SFX: SMASH
SFX: TRIP
C'MON KOTARO!
OH... OF COURSE!
JEEZ! WAHT THE HECK ARE YOU DOIN'? YOU'RE SO CLUMSY!
I'M GOING AHEAD...
OH... WAI...
WAIT FOR ME, MIDORI-SAMA!
THAT'S ...
MISS MIDORI TOKIWA...
SHE REALLY IS STRONG.
IT'S SO GREAT! WITH THAT COURAGE OF HERS, SHE'LL STAND UP TO ANYONE!!
I HEARD SHE'S FROM A WELL-TO-DO FAMILY. SHE'S NOT AT ALL STUCK UP...
EXACTLY. HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN HER MANSION?

SFX: TADAA
...IT WAS SOMETHING IN JAPAN!!
YOU WOULDN'T BELIVE...
...YOU SHOWED YOUR BACK TO THE ENEMY!!
KSH
LISTEN, MIDORI.
THERE'S NOTHING MORE SHAMEFUL THAN HAVING A SCAR ON YOUR BACK.
I KNOW, GRAMPS.
BECAUSE THAT MEANS...
SFX: BAAAM

STAY BACK!
I'M GOING TO BE SOMEONE WHO...
I REPRESENT THE TOKIWA CLAN.
I'M LIKE YOU. I WOULD NEVER SHOW MY BACK TO MY ENEMY.
SOME-BODY!
HELP ME! HE TOOK MY BAG!!
MI-MIDORI-SAMA...
JUST...
WAA!
SFX: VROOM
...FIGHTS SQUARE HEAD ON!!
SFX: WHAM
SQUARE...
HEAD ON...
DING
DING

SFX: WOOB WOOB WOOB
WHAT ?!
WHAT THE HECK?
SFX: WHAM X3
WHA...
WATCH IT!
WHAT THE HECK D'YOU THINK YER...
SHOYU? SWEET WINE?!
I mean...
SFX: OOOOM
...DOING?
THAT'S EXACTLY ...

HERE YA GO.
...I WANNA ASK YOU!!
THUD
WHAT
WAAA!
I'LL GIVE IT BACK!
I'm sorry!
SFX.ZOOM
SACHIE-SAMA?
ARE YOU DONE WASTING YOUR TIME?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO...
THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SACHIE.
RING RING
OH, HOLD ON A SECOND.
It's definitely not my dog.
MY.
SACHIE'S A GOOD GIRL.
BUT SACHIE!
SORRY! I GOTTA GO HOME!
SEE YOU LATER!
MIDORI-SAMA! MIDORI-SAMA!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
!!?
Ha ha That's for sure.
SHE DEFINITELY GETS THAT FROM HER GRANDPA.
SHE'S GOT COURAGE AND THE ABILITY TO ACT UNLIKE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE THESE DAYS...

STAND

"HAVING A SCAR ON YOUR BACK..."

KOTARO...

YES, MIDORI!

GO HAND THIS...

...TO THAT GIRL...

TWO WEEKS ...

...FOR FULL RECOV-ERY.

「まって〜〜!!」

ってなってました。
…なるほど。
そうみえるわな…。

そんな暗号を
ちゃんと解読してく
れる担当さんは
スゴイですね…!
ネームなんてこの字の
上に絵も入ってない
のに…。
いつもありがとう
ございます〜〜。
そういえば!
今回巻末は担当
さんが作って下さい
ました!!
うふーッ
嬉しいッ!!

こんな風に担当さ
んが関わって下さる
ことが初めてだった
のでものすごく
嬉しかったです。
楽しんでもらえたら
幸せです!
ワラキさん ありがとう

It's just a sprain
Ahhh!
I'M SORRY!
Okay?!
SO EXPLAIN TO ME HOW YOU COME HOME WITH NOTHING BUT BRUISES...
YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO GO BUY SHOYU, SWEET WINE, CANNED PEACHES AND THE LATEST COPY OF HANA TO YUME.
I BUMPED INTO MISS YUKARI ON THE WAY HOME.
SHE TREATED ME TO SOME SWEETS.
AND?
WHEN THE LADY FROM THE FISH STORE GOT MUGGED...
AND...
I'M TELLING YOU!
DON'T TRY TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS! ASK FOR HELP FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU!
W-W-WELL ...
I COULDN'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH!
AND?

WHAT ?!
LIKE HE SAYS, MISS. THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU JUST SHOULDN'T DO.
SFX: PAT
Turn
YOU JUST WANT TO STICK YOUR NECK OUT FOR EVERYTHING.
C'MON, RAKU. SHE WAS JUST...
YOU FORGOT TO CLEAN THE BATHTUB, YASU. SO I DID IT FOR YOU.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET OFF LUCKY EVERY TIME. JUST LIKE...
BUT WHAT IF THE CULPRIT ESCAPES WHILE YOU'RE GETTING HELP, RIGHT?
I CAN'T BELIVE YOU'RE BLAMING SACHIE WHEN YOU'RE TO BLAME FOR LEAVING HER IN THE FIRST PLACE.
Exactly!
WHAT A FUSSY OLD MAN.
What a jerk...
HE'S THE DEVIL...!!
I-I-I-I'M SORRY !!
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T HEAR YOU...
SFX: PAIN

THE MORE YOU PUT PEOPLE IN YOUR DEBT, THE MORE YOU UNINTENTIONALLY MAKE PEOPLE RESENT YOU.
IT WOULDN'T SUPRISE ME IF SOMEBODY CHALLENGED YOU. .
WHATEVER..
I CAN'T BELIVE HE'S MAD AT ME FOR DOING SOMETHING GOOD.
WOULD IT KILL YOU...
...TO SAY YOU'RE PROUD OF ME?
YEAH, RIGHT... THAT'LL NEVER HAPPEN.
MISS WAKAMURA!
DELIVERY FOR YOU!
CHALLENGE

Meet me at the Taiman Bridge.
Ten o'clock on Sunday morning...
WHA...
NO...
I DON'T RECALL DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD MERIT THIS...
DON'T GET IN THE WAY, MISS.
THEY'RE CALLIN' US OUT!
LOCK AND LOAD!! GET READY TO FIGHT!!
YEAH!!
WAAA!!
I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S SOME KIND OF MISTAKE...
"SACHIE WAKAMURA."
LOOK IT EVEN HAS YOUR FACE ON IT.
I know this would happen!

SEE.
I TOLD YOU SO...
WHAT?!
YOU THINK THIS IS ME??
It's so bad...
I didn't think it was.
SFX: FWUUUU
Ehem
I DID NOTHING THAT WOULD CAUSE THIS...
I JUST WAN'T TO TALK AND COME TO A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION.
I WON'T!
REMEMBER YOU HAVE A HURT FOOT, SO DON'T START A FIGHT.
SO I DON'T NEED YOU GUYS.
SFX: OOPS

Don't follow me. I don't want this to be complicated
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
SHE KNOWS...
WHAT CAN WE DO? WE JUST HAVE TO SIT AND WATCH...
SFX. SNEAK SNEAK
KNOCK
HEY! YOU GUYS ARE FROM THE TOKIWA CLAN!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE? A DEAL?! OR IS IT A...
SHHH! SHHH!
DON'T YELL! WE CAN'T GET CAUGHT BY OUR MISS!
MISS...?
WAIT A SEC...
YOU MEAN THE PERSON WHO...

SO YOU SHOWED UP.
GOTTA ADMIRE YOUR GUTS AT LEAST.
SFX: STEP
THE TOKIWA CLAN'S...
SACHIE WAKAMURA!!
MIDORI TOKIWA?!

MEANING...
MISS MIDORI'S ENEMY IS BOSS ASAGI'S GRAND-DAUGHTER?!
THIS IS NOT GOOD...
IF THEY FIGHT, BOTH CLANS WILL GET INVOLVED...
WHAT?!
THOSE ARE OUR ORDERS...
We were worried.. so we had to come check it out....
THEM TOO...
All these grown men...
Well Iguess we should watch from back here ...
and stop them if it gets out of hand
Y-YEAH ..
"YOU GUYS GETTING INVOLVED WOULD ONLY MAKE THINGS COMPLI-CATED!!
BUT...
YEAH ...?
THAT'D BE TERRIBLE!! SOMEONE'S GOTTA STOP'EM!!

I'M MIDORI TOKIWA.
YOU SHOULD REMEMBER ME.
I'M JUST HERE TO RETURN THE FAVOR.
I'VE GOT TO TALK TO HER AND PEACEFULLY RESOLVE THIS.
TO DO THAT, I HAVE TO FIRST...
...ASK QUES-TIONS!
FACE
I don't get it...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
I ACTUALLY DON'T REACLL ANYTHING.
DID I DO SOMETHING TO OFFEND YOU?!
SHE'S GETTING HER MAD...!
SNAP
YOU...

SFX: SNAP
I'LL HELP YOU REMEMBER THEN.
IT WAS JUST PAST 4:35 IN THE AFTERNOON...
IT WAS FIVE DAYS AGO!
I HEARD SOMEONE CRY OUT FOR HELP AFTER A MUGGING WHILE I WAS HAVING SOME SWEETS AT A SHOP ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
So detailed
YOU THINK THIS IS A JOKE ?!
SFX: SWING
WAAA!
Why?!
I TOLD YOU SO! I KNOW YOU COULD NEVER LET SOMEONE GET AWAY WITH THAT, RIGHT?
SEE! SEE, RAKUTO?! NORMAL PEOPLE DO ACT!
YOU TRIED TO GO SAVE HER TOO?!
GRIP
JUST WHEN I GOT UP TO CATCH THE GUY...
OH!
Hmph
SO YOU FINALLY REMEM...

HUH?!
IS THAT TRUE...?
WELL, OF COURSE... JUST AS A CITIZEN...
BUT WOULDN'T YOU CALL FOR HELP FIRST?
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT! THE GUY WAS ON A BIKE!
RIGHT ?!
YEAH!
THAT'S RIGHT. I DIDN'T WANT TO LET HIM GO, SO I GRABBED MY GROCERIES THAT WERE THERE AND...
...WENT
WAA! TIME OUT! TIME OUT!
Almost had you
SO YOU'RE THE...
...FROM ...
THE BUMP OF DISGRACE I GOT FROM YOU DIDN'T GO DOWN FOR THREE DAYS.
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED IN MY LIFE.
KOTARO.
YES, MIDORI-SAMA!

PICK YOUR WEAPON, SACHIE WAKAMURA.
SFX: KLUNK
I'M GOING TO...
...CLEAN MY NAME.
SFX HUFF HUFF
IT WAS THE TOKIWA CLAN! THE GRAND-DAUGHTER!
JUST THINK OF WHAT COULDA HAPPENED!
YOU ALL CAME RUNNING BACK?
YEAH, BUT...
SO...

SATISFIED...
IS SHE SATISFIED?
OF COURSE SHE WON'T...
YOU HAVE A FRIEND WAITING FOR YOU.
SACHIE!

SACHIE-SAMA...
Bye Rakuto.
Be careful
Bye.
RAKUTO...
UMM...
LETS' GO HOME BY THE BACK GATE.
?!
TADA!
JUMP!
JUMP!
FINISH!
URR...
I forgot
SFX:STING
YOU CAN'T.
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT WITH A LAME FOOT LIKE THAT.
BUT...
ABSO-LUITELY NOT!
BU...
NO!
PLEASE DON'T!

SFX: ZZA
PLEASE! DON'T TURN HER DOWN!!
OH... UMM...
GASP
SFX: GLARE
I'M SORRY... It doesn't seem possible...
I WAS TAILING YOU AND OVERHEARD YOUR CONVER-SATION...
I'M SORRY! I'M KOTARO MATSUBA! MIDORI-SAMA'S CARETAKER!
Taing?
YOU'RE THE...
'SCUSE ME...
UH...
I'M NOT GOING HOME TILL I WIN.
I CAN'T LOOK GRAMPS IN THE EYE LIKE THIS!
HUH...?
MIDORI-SAMA CAN'T...
...COME HOME WITH THINGS LIKE THIS!
So. That's that.
PLEASE!

WHAT THE HECK...
B...
BUT... BUT...
MIDORI-SAMA WOULD...
PLEASE, MISS WAKAMURA.
!?
WOULD YOU PLEASE FIGHT HER FACE TO FACE?!
WAI... STOP IT...
LIFT YOUR HEAD.
SFX. BOW
ぱっ
ぐっ
SFX. GRIP
SO...!
...GET OVER IT IF SHE LOST IN A FAIR FIGHT.
BUT SHE JUST CAN'T LET IT GO RIGHT NOW...
AS A FELLOW CARETAKER YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND.
THE RESULTS ARE OBVIOUS IF THEY GO HEAD TO HEAD.
I CAN'T LET MY MOST IMPORTANT PERSON BE SUBJECTED TO SUCH DANGER!

SORRY...
I CAN'T GIVE UP LIKE THAT.
RAKUTO...
BE-CAUSE...
I'M MIDORI-SAMA'S CARETAKER
HEY, WAIT!
SORRY FOR BOTHER-ING YOU!
I'LL COME AGAIN.
WHY...
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO STUBBORN?
HER WISH...
...IS MY WISH.

I UNDER-STAND...
SACHIE-SAMA?!
!?
NOTHING WILL BE RESOLVED IF I KEEP AVOIDING THIS.
LET'S TAKE CARE OF THIS RIGHT NOW.
FINALLY ...
HA...
NOW, LET'S HAVE IT OUT FACE TO FACE...
READY?!

SFX: SLAM
SFX: SLAM
SA... SACHIE-SAMA...?
OWW...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
SORRY, BUT...
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING YOU.
WHA...!
SO INSTEAD...
SEE?
I DIDN'T HOLD BACK.
LET'S CALL IT EVEN.
WHAT DO YOU SAY?

ARE YOU KIDDIN' ME?
HUH?
YOU DIDN'T THINK...
YOU'D GET OFF THAT EASY, DID YOU?!
WAAA ?!
WAI...
Actually old
WAIT!
WAI...!
SFX: SWING SWING
SFX: THROB
TMP
SFX: THUD
OWW!
JUST GETTING EVEN DOESN'T...
.. MEAN ANYTHING TO ME!!
SFX: SLAM

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.
SFX: STING
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT HER TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE STRONGER THAN SACHIE-SAMA.
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
SFX: FWOMP
PEOPLE WITH TRUE ABILITY ...
...CHOOSE THEIR BATTLES.

SFX: SPIN SPIN SPIN
LET'S GO, SACHIE-SAMA.
RA-RAKUTO ...
DON'T SQUIRM SO MUCH. I'LL DROP YOU.
WALK
WALK
WHA ...!
WAIT A SECOND! THE FIGHT'S...
MI... MIDORI-SAMA...
...
YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS RAKUTO?
SUNDAY AT TEN A.M.!
MEET ME AT THE TAIMAN BRIDGE...
SFX: KNOCK
SPIN

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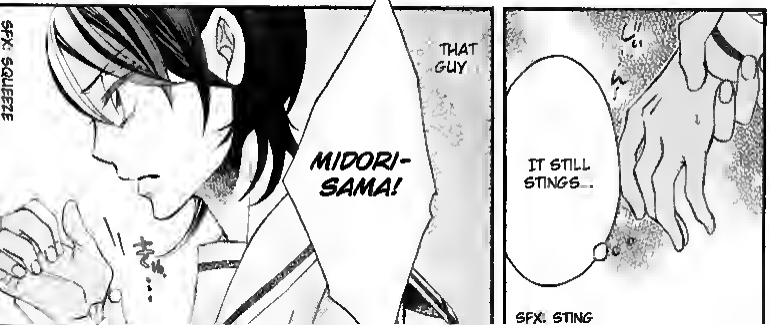
LISTEN, MIDORI. BE STRONG.

THE WORLD'S FOR THE TAKING IF YOU'RE THE STRONGER.

THE STRONGEST HOLDS...

...ABSOLUTE POWER.



EVER SINCE YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T COMING BAKC UNTIL YOU WON, I'VE BEEN SO WORRIED!
THIS MUST MEAN THAT YOU ACCOM-PLISHED WHAT YOU SET OUT TO...
ピ
?!
Snap?
OLD MAN...
WELCOME HOME.
I'M... I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE HOME
SFX: SNAP
ALL RIGHT THEN...
I HAVE ONE CONDI-TION THOUGHT!
SIGH
OKAY...
SFX: ZZA
"SUNDAY AT TEN A.M.! MEET ME AT THE TAIWAN BRIDGE!"
SFX: SHAKE SHAKE
THAT HASN'T...
BEEN TAKEN CARE OF YET.
HUH?
NOT YET?

"I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE ANY EXCUSES."
THAT GUY..
SO WHY DID YOU COME BACK?!
SFX: GRIP
I NEED YOU TO GO HOME
YOU'LL FALL ILL IF YOU KEEP SLEEPING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
YES?
HE'S GOOD!!
ROUND UP THE GUYS!
I NEED TO PRACTICE!!
SFX: HUFF
I'LL PRACTICE WITH YOU! MISS!!
YOU'RE TALKING BACK TO SOMEONE STRONGER?!
B-BUT.. THERE'S NO ONE HERE WHO CAN BE YOUR..
SFX: CLICK

SFX: TMP TMP
...I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!!
SFX: KUDK KUDK
OKAY! NOW COME AT ME FROM ANY ANGLE!
No, you go.
You go first.
THAT GUY WAS...
RIGHT, OLD MAN?
IT'S NOT "MISS." IT'S "MIDORI-SAMA."
YES! I MEAN...
"OF COURSE, MIDORI-SAMA!
Do you think I have to wear this?
It's not my style...
Ha. She calls him "Old Man." That never get's old!
AND HE WANTS TO FIGHT FAIR AND SQUARE.
...STRONG!
I CAN WALK!
LEMME DOWN, FOR PETE'S SAKE!
HE'S A WORTHY OPPONENT!
WAI...
THIS SUNDAY...
UMM, RAKUTO...
Ha

SFX: STOP
HERE?
YOU WANT TO BE LET DOWN RIGHT HERE?
Don't look!
NOOO!!!
DON'T LET ME DOWN!!
SFX: HUFF HUFF
EXACTLY. HOLD ON TO ME TIGHTLY LIKE THAT.
DON'T MOVE AROUND SO MUCH. YOU'RE HURT
...
Devil...
BUT EVEN SO...
YOU STILL SEEM
UPSET.
I HAVE NO IDEA...

I TOLD HER NO SO MANY TIMES...
...YET SHE STILL DECIDES TO FIGHT...
WE'RE HOME
NOW LET'S TAKE CARE OF THAT.
...LISTEN TO A THING I SAY?!
WHAT YOU'RE THINKING
IF I'M HEAVY
ALL HE HAS TO DO IS SAY SOME-THING..."
WHY DOESN'T SHE...
SFX: ARGH
This is gonna hurt a little.
DOES SHE LEARN NOTHING ?!
SFX: TIGHTEN TIGHTEN
DON'T CAUSE TROUBLE FOR OTHER...
...ORRY.
LISTEN TO ME
YOU CAN LIVE HOWEVER YOU WANT, BUT...
SFX: STOOP

...ME UNFAIRLY TAKING MY FRUSTRATION OUT ON HER...
OH...
I...
"I'M SORRY."
SFX: SNIFFLE
NO...
THIS IS...
"LET'S TAKE CARE OF THIS RIGHT NOW."
I WANTED TO PROTECT HER...
WITHOUT GETTING A SCRATCH ON HER
BUT I FAILED...
I REALLY WISH...
...I COULD...
SFX: STROKE

...LOCK YOU UP SOMEWHERE ...

SFX. MUMBLE MUMBLE
RA...
RAKUT...
JUST LIKE A LION AT A ZOO.
You're just so wild.
Really
OH REALLY...
SFX. ZZZ
Well...
FORTU-NATELY...
WE WERE ABLE TO DIVERT HER ATTENTION.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
RAKUTO ...
BUT NOW...

GLAD YOU SHOWED UP, RAKUTO IGARASHI.
AREN'T YOU THE ONE IN HARM'S WAY?
I'M SORRY, BUT I..
BEFORE WE GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!
READ THIS!
CATCH
SFX: THROW
A CHAL-LENGE !!
YEAH, BUT...
ISN'T IT A LITTLE TOO LATE?

SFX: OPEN

I love you.

SFX: SNAP

I DECIDED A LONG TIME AGO—

IF I EVER MET A GUY STRONGER THAN ME, I'D TELL HIM.

SFX: BLUSH

MERRY ME!!

WHAT ?!

A PROPOSAL?!
..
WHA...
STAND
WHAT THE HECK?!
YOU TRIED TO FIGHT ME, BUT YOU ASK FOR HIS HAND IN MARRIAGE?!
WAAA
WAI..! SACHI!!
AHA!
SACHIE WAKAMURA!!
OF COURSE! I'LL CRUSH ANY WOMAN!
AND BRING IN ANY MAN!!
It's common sense!
FIGHT ME!
NO FAIR! YOU'RE PLAYING FAVORITES!!
NO FAIR?
FAVORITES...?
THE TARGET HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL!!
NNA
GASP
RAKUTO
KNOCK IT OFF!

SACHIE WAKAMURA I'LL LET YOU GO THIS TIME...
WHA...
TWINKLE
OF COURSE, MY LOVE. ♡
WHA...
WHA...
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
I HAD NO IDEA BEFORE THIS..
"THE STRONGEST HOLDS ABSOLUTE POWER" THAT'S OUR FAMILY MOTTO
MEANING ..
MY LOVE'S ORDERS ARE ABSOLUTE! ♡
I wish I could switch with you
IT'S REALLY ROUGH TO BE SO POPULAR.
NOT AS ROUGH AS THE OPPOSITE
PAT

HMPH
WHA
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, RAKUTO?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NOTHING.
I'M NOT GOING TO MARRY HER.
OH...
OH, OKAY..
You're right..
KLAK
BUT THINK ABOUT HOW PERSISTENT SHE WAS WITH SACHI.
You were there?
ZOOM
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN EVADE HER?

WHISPER
WHISPER
JUST LIKE WE EXPECTED ...
RAKUTO... LET'S GO IN THROUGH THE BACK GATE.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HATED RUNNING FROM HER.
HUH...
BUT...
RUN
SACHIE WAKAMURA !!
GET AWAY FROM RAKUTO!
I FEEL LIKE THE ANTE'S BEEN RAISED!!
RUN
RUN
Umm

HEY MIDORI!!
MIDORI!
WHAT THE HECK?!
INTER-ESTING
THIS MEANS
HUFF
HUFF
RAKUTO IS A HIGHER PRIORITY.
ESCAPED
TOSS
HMPH
A-AZUMA !!
ADIEU!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL PROTECT HER!!
Later!
THE FARTHER AWAY YOU ARE FROM SACHI, THE SAFER SHE IS!
The best of luck!

OPEN
BUT.
WE'RE HOME!
Stop it!
Hello
Welcome back
C'MON
Umm
IT'S BETTER IF WE'RE APART...
KNOCK
CRASH
WE LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE!
SACHIE WAKAMURA!!
WHAT DOES HE WANT ME TO DO ?!
HUH?

I'M GOING TO STAY AT SCHOOL FOR A WHILE…
FAT-UGH
I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE
HM…?
WE DON'T MIND… BUT THE HOUSE…
TROUBLE? BUT ORIGINALLY..
I WAS…
RAKUTO..
RESIDES
THE MOST EX-HAUSTED PERSON IS..
RAKUTO…
I'M FINE.

...GOING TO PROTECT YOU.
I'M...
NO...
I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANY-THING.
THE SITUATION IS NOT GOING TO RESOLVE ITSELF IF I KEEP RUNNING !!

W
H
A
IT'S HUGE...
WHOA...
I CAME ALONE THINKING IT WOULDN'T EVEN BE A DISCUSSION IF I BROUGHT RAKUTO, BUT...
SO YOU KNOW...
...NOT TO DO ANYTHING RASH, RIGHT?
AHHH...
HE'LL KILL ME IF HE FINDS OUT...
OFF I GO!!
BUT I CAN'T JUST WATCH HIM EXHAUST HIMSELF!
ALL RIGHT!
PLEASE GO HOME.

WE'VE BEEN TOLD TO WEAR THESE WHEN WE'RE AT THE MANSION.
And you're a member, right?
Ever...?
This is our uniform.
BY WHOM?
MIDORI-SAMA.
THE STRONGEST PERSON HERE HAS ABSOLUTE POWER AND THAT WOULD BE MIDORI-SAMA.
OH REALLY.
PUSH
PUSH
BUT THOSE ARE HER ORDERS.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP YOU OUT.
DON'T BE SUCH A STICK-LER.
PUSH
What's up with this house?!
THIS IS THE TOKIWA CLAN, RIGHT?!
I MEAN...
WE'D RATHER YOU CALLED IT...
...THE "EVER-GREEN GROUP."
SWING
W-WHY...
?!
HER ORDERS ARE TO SEND YOU HOME IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIGHT.
UMM...
STEP
THAT'S ACTUALLY WHAT I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HER ABOUT. WOULD YOU LET ME SEE HER..?
PUSH

TOSS
PLEASE GO HOME.
BUT...
RAKUTO'S LIFE IS ON THE LINE!
HOW LONG DOES SHE INTEND ON STAYING?
I'M NOT GOING HOME UNTIL...
...MIDORI SEES ME!!
MAN..
SNEEZE
URR...
IT'S EARLY SUMMER, BUT IT STILL GETS PRETTY COLD AT NIGHT..
I should have brought more layers...
PLUS...
GRUMBLE

STEAM
STEAM
KO... KOTARO?
I'LL GIVE THIS TO YOU IF YOU PROMISE ME YOU'LL GO HOME!
FOOD !!
GULP
I...
I WILL...
STARTLE
WHY? AREN'T YOU HUNGRY ?!
OF COURSE I AM!!
GRUMBLE
HUH..? RAKUTO?
BUT IF I GIVE IN NOW... RAKUTO'LL ...
Mouth zipper!!
...NOT!!

RAKUTO'S YOUR CARETAKER, RIGHT?
YOU CAME HERE FOR YOUR CARETAKER? NOT YOURSELF..?
OF COURSE!
HE'S ALWAYS SMILING NO MATTER HOW TIRED HE IS.. AND LOOK AT HOW FAINT HE LOOKS!!
It's shocking! Shocking!
WOULDN'T YOU BE WORRIED?
Even his snide remarks have lost their edge...
I...
...SUPPOSE.
BUT!
I'VE ALSO BEEN TOLD NOT TO COME BACK UNTIL I GET YOU TO GO HOME!
What're they doing?
WHICH MEANS, IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS GOING TO TAKE US A LONG TIME, SO I'LL...
?!

. HAVE THESE
ARGHHHH!!
SO...
...COULD YOU EXPLAIN TO ME...
Towels!!
Bath!!
RUN
RUN
SNIFFLE
...IN 50 WORDS OR LESS?
Sniffle
DREN

SLAM
F... fifty...?
EXACTLY! EXPLAIN TO ME TOO!!
KOTARO ONLY WENT DOWN THERE TO GET YOU TO GO HOME! WHY IS HE SOAKED?!
SHHH
!!
SHHH
SHHH
YOU WENT TO MIDORI'S HOUSE?
REALLY?
AND WHY IS THAT...?
NOO!!
IT...
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
HMPH!
TURN
SHAKE
SHAKE
I-I CAN'T TELL HIM...

S
S
U
WELL...
I GOT YOU HOME, SO...
THAT WAS...
I'LL BE...
OH...
IS THAT SO...
GOING
KOTARO ?!
SWAY
HUFF
KOTARO...
YOU'RE BURNING UP!!
HUFF

HOW'RE YOU GONNA MAKE THIS UP TO ME?!
NOW MY CARE-TAKER'S TOTALLY USELESS!!
WH-WHAT?!
B-BUT...
I'M SORRY.
SACHIE-SAMA'S IMPOSED A TERRIBLE INCONVEN-IENCE ON YOU.
IN THRN...
I'LL SERVE AS YOUR CARETAKER
...ANGRY?
FWU
IS RAKUTO..
UU
...AT LEAST UNTIL KOTARO'S WELL AGAIN.
UUU

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Wild Ones

STEP
I'M SORRY.
I'VE ONLY USED TEABAGS ...
YOU'D NEVER BELIEVE WHAT WE GO THROUGH!
YOU REALLY DO THIS EVERY DAY?
But my good-ness
Wow...
I feel stiff.
It's far worse than this! Day in and day out!
BLUB
BREW IT AGAIN.
BLUB BLUB
...FOR ENGLISH TEA.
WHA!
"AS YOU WISH."
It costs 20 dollars and a pound!!
YOU MEAN TO SAY "AS YOU WISH" RIGHT?

GRIP
AS...
...YOU WISH...
JUST AS LONG AS YOU KNOW.
OH, DON'T FORGET TO CLEAN THAT.
SO WHY AM I HERE, YOU ASK?
WELL...
A FEW HOURS AGO...
MISS!!
GO
YOUR RIGHT SIDE'S FROZEN OVER!!
I'LL SERVE AS YOUR CARE-TAKER.
WHA...
Melt it! Melt it!
PANT PANT
WHAT?!
YOU'RE GONNA BE MY CARE-TAKER?!
WHY...?
THUD
YES.
OH...
SO..

CLINK
IT'S TIME FOR TEA...

MY LADY.
CRASH
W...
WE'RE TERRIBLY SORRY! THE NEW GIRL PREPARED IT...
WHAT'S THIS?! WHO POURED THIS?!
It's so bitter!!
SACHIE!
SACHIE!
Midori Tokiwa
The yakuza daughter who dreams of being an "heiress."
THANK YOU.
RAKUTO
...

P-PLEASE DON'T BE MAD AT SACHIE!
WAAAA!
SACHIE WAS DOING IT FOR...
WHY'S HE THIS ANGRY?!
YOU HOLD DOWN THE FORT WITH KOTARO!
YOU SICKLINGS CAN COMMISERATE
AHHH
I DIDN'T TELL HIM BECAUSE I KNEW HE'D GET MAD!!
The full smile is scary!!
NOTHING...
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
YOU BROUGHT ME INTO THIS...
KOFF
KOFF
You okay?!
Sorry!
"NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS"
REALLY...

THANX!!
THANX!! SHIBATA-SAN SHIMOSATO-SAN NAGAO-SAN IGARI-SAN AI-SAN KURACHI-SAN AND.... MO-CHAN!! HIDDEN COMMAND, MOMOKA-CHAN!
HEH
HEH HEH
THE MOMOKA IN THIS VOLUME IS THE REAL THING! THANK YOU, JI ROCKS! PLEASE, TRY LOOKING FOR HER.
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See you later!

BROUGHT HIM IN...
OH, I GET IT.
SHALL WE THEN, MIDORI-SAMA?
SURE!
WAIT!

I SEE.
I UNDER-STAND.
THEN...
I WON'T CAUSE YOU ANY TROUBLE, RAKUTO.
GRIP

I'LL WIPE MY OWN BUTT, THANK YOU!!
I'M GOING!!
SHE REALLY DOESN'T GET IT!!
YOU CAN USE ME ALL YOU WANT!
SO...
I'll do anything! I can do anything!!
...
SO WILL YOU FORGET EVERY-THING?!
INCLUDING RAKUTO'S DEBT?!
SURE.
Successful negotiations
BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE MY CARE-TAKER.
SO YOU CAN BE A MAID
RAKUTO'S GONNA BE MY CARETAKER ♡
GRAB♡
THOSE ARE THE CONDI-TIONS. ♡

LOOK.
A DUST BUNNY.
NOOO.
I MADE HIM EVEN MORE MAD!!
I MADE MATTERS WORSE.
♡
IT COULD HAVE BEEN JUST ME...
HMPH
SO...
Mumble
SUPER DARK RAKUTO DESCENDING...
MAID! DO YOUR JOB!
AND WHEN YOU'RE DONE, MASSAGE ME!
YES, MISS!
WE JUST HAVE TO RIDE THIS OUT.
THEN PEACE WILL RETURN...
STAND
MIDORI-SAMA
I CAN RUN YOUR ERRANDS AS YOUR CARETAKER.
WHY DON'T YOU KEEP ME COMPANY WHILE I HAVE TEA?
OH, WE'RE OUT OF SWEETS.

DOUGHNUTS
DOUGHNUTS & COFFEE
I'LL SIT HERE AND WAIT FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES. BRING IT ON!
IS THAT A MAID?
I THINK SO
Raspberry Kiss
I WANT THE RASPBERRY KISS FROM KRISPY DREAM DOUGHNUTS. ♡
The Limited Edition menu at the popular doughnut shop Two-hour wait guaranteed.☆
SACHIE-SAMA!!
I'M NOT GONNA QUIT!
A BELL-BOY?
KOTARO!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE? YOU SHOULD BE IN BED.
A BELL-BOY AND A MAID.
OH, THEY WORK AT A HOTEL.
NO!
WHILE RAKUTO SERVES AS MIDORI-SAMA'S CARETAKER

KOEF KOEF
I'LL SERVE AS YOURS ...
BUT THIS WON'T END UNLESS YOU GET BETTER...
Don't push yourself...
SO PLEASE! USE ME FOR ANY-THING! MASTER!!
WHISPER
What the heck
St...
STOP IT, KOTARO.
I'M A MAID RIGHT NOW, SO I DON'T NEED A CARETAKER OR ANYTHING.
I'LL STAND IN LINE FOR YOU.
PLEASE, GO SIT DOWN, SACHIE-SAMA!
THE MAID IS THE MASTER!!
WHISPER
But she's a maid
Master...?
EXCUSE ME. SHE NEEDS TO SIT, SO PLEASE MOVE.
NOOO!
I'm terribly sorry.
OKAY.
LET'S STAND IN LINE TOGETHER THEN!!
OKAY?
BUT I CAN'T!
THAT'S AN ORDER!!
ROGER THAT!!
SALUTE
Woo! The maid gave orders!

THIS IS... TIRING...
I had to order him.
HEY... IS "MIDORI-SAMA" ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
YES
YOU GUYS DON'T FIGHT?
NOT REALLY. I ALWAYS APOLOGIZE.
OH.. I see
BUT WHAT IF SHE DOESN'T FORGIVE YOU?
I KEEP APOLO-GIZING UNTIL SHE DOES.
BUT I ADMIT I'M A BIT ENVIOUS OF YOUR RELA-TIONSHIP.
MINE?
IT MUST BE NICE TO BE ABLE TO ARGUE!

ARGUING...
...SUCKS.
BESIDES, IT'S NOT SO MUCH AN ARGUMENT.
AS IT IS JUST GETTING SCOLDED
BUT HE'S RIGHT...
I'll go get them!
THE NEXT TIME I SEE RAKUTO...
OH!
Thank you for waiting!
IT'S OUR TURN!
MAYBE I'LL APOLOGIZE.
...UNTIL HE FORGIVES ME.

How're you gonna make it up to me?
Hey, you ran into me.
Huh?
MY BAD...
I DIDN'T SEE THE STEP.
Omg...
EXTOR-TION...
GREAT...
SIGH
IF SHE WERE, SHE'D BE GOING OUT THERE AND—
I'M JUST GLAD SACHIE-SAMA'S NOT HERE.
DASH
KKK
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION!
JUST LIKE ALWAYS!
Hupp
...
RAKUTO, YOU'RE
PLEASE STOP!
ENOUGH SHOPPING. SHALL WE HEAD HOME NOW?
EHEM
That's right.
SHE ISN'T SACHIE-SAMA...
UMM... "I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT HURT."

BUT...
I CAN'T SAY THAT I DISLIKE...
...THAT UNTAINTED, HONEST PART OF YOU.

WHAT THE HECK?
SACHIE-SAMA! SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
TMP TMP
HE'S SO NICE...
HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE SAME "CARETAKER."
HEY!
WHY IS HE SO DIFFERENT WITH ME?!
IT'S MIDORI-SAMA AND RAKUTO!
I ALWAYS TOOK BEING NEXT TO HER FOR GRANTED...
BUT I GUESS IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ME.
I'm sure it'll look great.
HAHA...
WATCHING THEM LIKE THIS

C-C'MON KOTARO!
HUH? SACHIE-SAMA?!
Are you sure?
OH.
CHECK IT OUT.
...
"I DON'T DISLIKE..."
NOT TO SAY I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE WITH YOU!
OH!
WOW...
C'MON, KOTARO! WE GOT WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR! LET'S GO HOME
SACHIE-SAMA?
TWITCH
HE'S ALWAYS...
...SCOLDING ME TO NOT DO ANYTHING RASH!
I THOUGHT ABOUT APOLO-GIZING...
...THE NEXT TIME I SAW RAKUTO, BUT...
TURN
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE. IF YOU'RE HEADED HOME, LET'S...

THOSE TWO LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GETTING ALONG GREAT AS US!
NOT ANY-MORE!!
DID YOU HEAR? THE NEW CARETAKER'S SUPPOSED TO BE REALLY HOT
YEAH! I HEARD HE CAN DO ANYTHING!
So different from Kotaro
I WANNA SEE!
CREAK
HE'S GENTLE AND HAS A BEAU-TIFUL SMILE
GLARE
I HEARD HE'S JUST LIKE A PRINCE!

CAN I HELP YOU?
IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR DINNER.
LIARS!
BATAN
COME NOW.
SHALL WE HEAD TO THE DINING ROOM?
WHY ARE YOU SO GRUMPY?
JUST BECAUSE SACHIE IGNORED YOU A LITTLE
?
I'M NOT GRUMPY.
Come on
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
IT'S NORMAL FOR A MASTER TO IGNORE HER CARE-TAKER
So why get this mad?
NO, THAT'S NOT NORMAL.
As a person
BUT IT'S OKAY.
YOU'RE THE MASTER.
You can do anything.

THE CARETAKER ACTS LIKE THE MASTER.
AND THE MASTER TRIES DESPERATELY TO PROTECT THE CARETAKER.
Oh, really...
THAT'S WHY...
...IT'S SO WEIRD WATCHING YOU GUYS.
PROTECT...?
WHAT...
...DO YOU MEAN?

HEY, NEWBIE! THIS IS YOUR THIRD PLATE! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
CRASH
AHHH!
THE GINORI PLATE...!!
What?
I'M SO SORRY...
TAKE THIS OUT!
THIS IS NO GOOD.
I HAVE TO FOCUS.
DO... DON'T WORRY ABOUT THINGS HERE...

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE FRUSTRATED ABOUT RAKUTO!!
PUSH
LET ME HELP YOU.
SMASH
YOU'RE ACTUALLY JUST USING ME TO BE NEAR MIDORI, AREN'T YOU?
AAAA
The 2 hamburger!
WHA...!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
She's gonna be so happy!
OH.
IT'S MIDORI-SAMA'S FAVORITE TODAY. HAMBURGERS!
HEY, KOTARO...
WHAT IS IT, SACHIE-SAMA?

WHY WOULD YOU EVEN THINK THAT?

Scrub brush

HE'S SO SIMPLE...

KOFF

DING

WHY DON'T YOU TELL HER...?

"I WANT TO BE BY YOU."

HMM?

MMM...

Um

ARE YOU CRAZY?!

WHAT ?!

A SERVANT WOULD NEVER STATE HIS OPINION TO HIS MASTER.

THIS IS WHAT MIDORI-SAMA CHOSE

MY MASTER'S WISH IS MY WISH.

SO THIS IS...
BUT YOU, KOTARO, WANT TO BE BY HER.
REALLY...
DO YOU THINK "LOYALTY TO ONE'S MASTER" AND "CARING FOR ONE'S MASTER" ARE THE SAME THING?
IF YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT SOMEONE...
YOU CAN'T JUST ACCEPT EVERYTHING.
I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO EVEN GET MAD IF THEY'RE WRONG..
...YOU...
DON'T...
YOU HAVE TO THINK FOR YOURSELF.
ACT FOR YOURSELF...

RUN
YAY!
MIDORI-SAMA!
KOTARO...
YOU GUYS ARE TOGETHER AGAIN?
OF COURSE, WE'RE

CLOSE

RA...
RAKUTO...
I'M SORRY.
YOU WERE..
ALWAYS PROTECT-ING ME...
I WAS ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT PROTECT-ING YOU...
I NEVER REALIZED I WAS THE ONE BEING PROTECTED
WITH THESE SMALL HANDS.

OH...
RAKUTO...
ME...
DING
...TOO...
3
THUD THUD
RAKUTO-SAMA!!
OH...
I HAVE TO GO...

SACHIE-SAMA?
"I CAN'T SAY THAT I DISLIKE THAT."
...N'T GO...

DON'T GO...

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(THE END)

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RAKUTO IGARASHI

THE BEAUTIFUL BOY TAKEN IN BY SACHIE'S GRANDFATHER. PROTECTS SACHIE AS HER CARETAKER.

10 QUESTIONS FOR RAKUTO!

1 WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

I EAT ANYTHING. BASICALLY, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING THAT I DISLIKE. WHAT ABOUT MANGOS? OH . . THAT . . . I DON'T REALLY LIKE THAT SENSATION IN YOUR MOUTH... SAME WITH KIWIS. ALTHOUGH, I EAT THEM BOTH.

2 FAVORITE ANIMAL?

RABBITS.

3 WHAT DO YOU MAINLY DO ON DAYS OFF?

CLEAN, LAUNDRY, SHOP AND HELP OUT AROUND THE HOUSE WHAT ABOUT FUN STUFF? OH, OF COURSE. CARDS... I GUESS I STAY INDOORS FOR THE MOST PART. (HEH)

4 SOMETHING YOU'RE WORKING ON?

STAYING FIT. I QUIT TEAM SPORTS AS A THIRD YEAR, BUT I STILL GO TO PRACTICE LIKE I DID BEFORE TO STAY IN SHAPE

5 HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF?

A GENTLE, SINCERE GUY. (SORT OF)

6 ARE YOU A SADIST OR A MASOCHIST?

I MAY SEEM LIKE A SADIST, BUT I THINK I'M A MASOCHIST TO THE PERSON I LOVE. I THINK...

7 HOW MANY HOURS CAN YOU WAIT FOR A DATE?

I WOULD WAIT TEN MINUTES AND IF SHE DIDN'T COME, I'D GO LOOK FOR HER. SHE'D LIKELY HAVE TAKEN UP A FIGHT SOMEWHERE . .

8 WHAT KIND OF SUPERPOWER WOULD YOU WANT?

SUPERPOWER... HMM... TELEPORTATION?

9 IF YOU WON A MILLION DOLLARS, HOW WOULD YOU SPEND IT?

I'D TURN IT INTO TWICE AS MUCH MONEY. HOW? I CAN'T SAY.

10 IF YOU COULD ONLY BRING THREE THINGS TO A DESERT ISLAND, WHAT WOULD THEY BE?

WATER AND FOOD AND THE PERSON DEAREST TO ME.

AZUMA INUI

GRANDSON TO A FRIEND OF RAIZO, SACHIE'S GRANDFATHER. IS IN LOVE WITH SACHIE AND IS ARCHENEMY OF RAKUTO, THE CARETAKER.

10 QUESTIONS FOR AZUMA!

1 WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

A BEEF BOWL.

2 FAVORITE ANIMAL?

ELEPHANTS.

3 WHAT DO YOU MAINLY DO ON DAYS OFF?

I GO VISIT MY GRANDPA.

4 HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF?

LATE BLOOMER. (WATCH OUT...!)

5 WORDS TO LIVE BY?

A TOUGH SPOT IS AN OPPORTUNITY!!

6 HOW MANY HOURS CAN YOU WAIT FOR A DATE?

I'D TRY CALLING HER, AND IF I COULDN'T GET THROUGH, I'D WAIT FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES BUT I'D WANT HER TO COME SOON SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY.

7 WHERE WOULD YOU TAKE A FIRST DATE?

AN AMUSEMENT PARK AND THEN DINNER! OH, BUT THE BEACH IS GOOD TOO. ♥

8 DESCRIBE YOUR KIND OF GIRL.

SOMEONE WHO'S FUN TO BE AROUND. SOMEONE WHO HAS A SENSE OF SELF.

9 WHAT KIND OF SUPERPOWER WOULD YOU WANT?

HUH...? UMM. X-RAY VISION, MAYBE.

10 IF YOU WON A MILLION DOLLARS, HOW WOULD YOU SPEND IT?

I'D TAKE EVERYBODY TO IZU FOR A HOT SPRINGS VACATION!

PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO MORE FROM THESE TWO!